GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5235
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
RELEASING AMOUNT BY ONGC FOR A BRIDGE ON RIVER
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited have mutually agreed to construct a bridge across Vasista branch of river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh on cost sharing basis at an estimate of Rs. 12 crores;

(b) if so, whether the overall cost of the bridge due to escalation in the cost of the bridge is estimated at Rs. 59 crores:

(c): if so, whether the Union Government have issued any instructions to the ONGC to release an amount of Rs. 29.5 crores towards the completion of the bridge; and

(d): if so, the status on the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India and the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited have not mutually agreed to construct the bridge across Vasista branch of River Godavari in Andhra Pradesh on cost sharing basis. However, ONGC had agreed to contribute a sum of Rs. 6 crores as its 50% share of the total cost of construction of the bridge which had been originally estimated by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as Rs. 12 crores.

(b): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that the cost of the bridge is now estimated to have gone up to about Rs. 59 crores.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): ONGC have already released Rs. 6.00 crores towards the project, as their share of contribution.